



Awake My Soul, Mike Moyers

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 8, 2023

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Is. 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise.

With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Ps. 72:2

God judges the nations with righteousness and answers the poor with justice.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ calls to us from wherever we are. God's love shines like a beacon. God's voice echoes in our souls, "You are forgiven!" **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 151)

KINGS OF ORIENT

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-6 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 2:1-12 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Home by Another Road”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Helvey

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us as your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain in the sanctuary for a congregational meeting following worship.
Although only church members may vote, all are welcome to attend.*

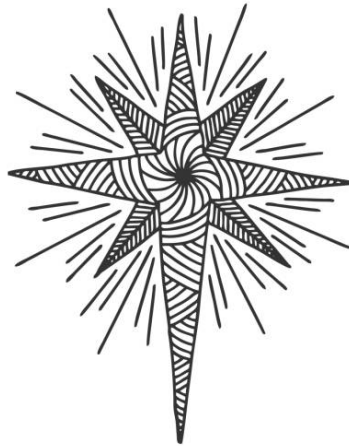
**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Glenda & Jerry Price*



The Life of the Church

A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after worship this morning to hear a report from the Nominating Committee and vote on its slate of church officers for 2023.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is coming up Monday, January 16. Our church will be participating as a group in the community-wide MLK March from Owensboro High School to Brescia which begins at 9:00am with the doors opening at 8:30. There will be a speaker and meal at Brescia following the march. Plan now to wear your FPC gear and help us speak out for racial justice.

The Worship Committee meets today after the congregational meeting.

Confirmation Class meets at 4:00 this afternoon. **Youth Group** will follow at 5:00.

Extended Table is next Sunday, January 15. We will be enjoying lunch after church at Moonlite BBQ.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



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